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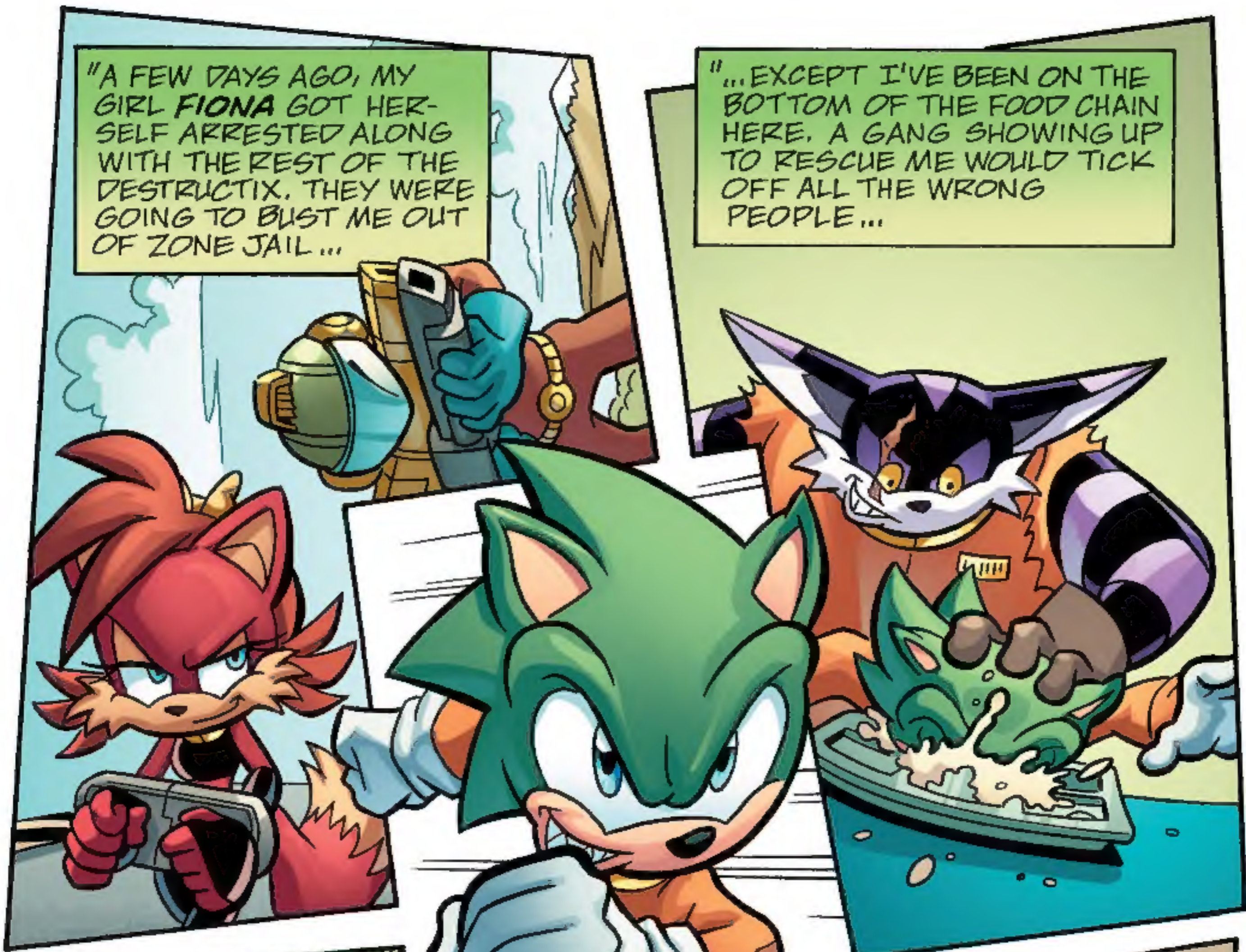
EAT MY DUST!



*Tram
Yudley!
Jim Amash
HERP*

"A FEW DAYS AGO, MY GIRL **FIONA** GOT HERSELF ARRESTED ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE **DESTRUCTIX**. THEY WERE GOING TO BUST ME OUT OF **ZONE JAIL** ...

"...EXCEPT I'VE BEEN ON THE **BOTTOM** OF THE **FOOD CHAIN** HERE. A **GANG** SHOWING UP TO **RESCUE** ME WOULD **TICK OFF** ALL THE **WRONG** PEOPLE ...



"...SO... I WAS LESS THAN **CHARITABLE** TO THEIR **OFFER**."



"BUT **FIONA'S** **RIGHT**--IF I'M GOING TO **BUST** OUT, I NEED **BACK-UP**."



"**YESTERDAY**, I MANAGED TO GET **SGT. SIMIAN** AND **PREDATOR HAWK** TO **SIGN ON**. **SO**, **TWO DOWN** ..."

WELCOME TO ZONE JAIL--
A PRISON TO HOLD THE
BADDEST OF THE BAD
ACROSS ALL DIMENSIONS
--WHERE THE SINISTER
SCOURGE, THE ANTI-
SONIC, MUST DEAL WITH
DANGEROUS INMATES IN
A DESPERATE BID FOR
FREEDOM!

INSIDE JOBB PART 3

SETTING THE STAGE

"...TWO TO GO."

QUIT YER
FLAILING! DO
YOU WANT TO
HIT ME?

HORIZONTAL-AL
YOUR GUESS...

**JEFFREY
ST. CROIX**
OLD GANG
RIVAL

**SCOURGE THE
HEDGEHOG**
RISING GANG
LEADER

N-N-NO
S-S-SIR!

WE'LL TAKE
OUR ABUSE
MORE
CONSIDERATELY!

VERTI-CAL
...IS AS GOOD
AS OURS

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HEY, JEFF!
YOU GET TIRED
OF PICKING ON
GUYS YOUR
OWN SIZE?

OOF!

WHEEEE!

DON'T PRESS
YOUR LUCK,
"SNOT." JUST BECAUSE
THE DESTRUCTIX
CLAIMED YOU AS
THEIR NEW PUNCHING
BAG DOESN'T MEAN
YOU'RE UN-
TOUCHABLE!

BIG TALK. YOU
WERE A CHUMP ON
MOEBIUS, YOU'RE A
CHUMP IN HERE. YOU
TWO ALL RIGHT?

YES! IN
THE MOST
RELATIVE
SENSE.

DOES THIS MEAN
ALL OUR FAWNING
HAS ENDEARED
US TO YOU?

LUCKILY, I
LANDED ON
MY HEAD!

NAH. IT'S NOT
LIKE I **NEEDED** AN
EXCUSE TO STOMP
THE GUY...

YOU
COULDN'T
TAKE ME
IN THE OLD
DAYS...



...SO
DON'T EVEN
TRY TO STEP
TO ME NOW!



GAK!



I'M ON THE
REBOUND, BABY.
EITHER STEP
ASIDE, OR--

THOK!



JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE OURS DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET TO FIGHT YOUR SUPERIORS, "SNOT."

KOFF! YES, PLEASE, KEEP HIM IN LINE.

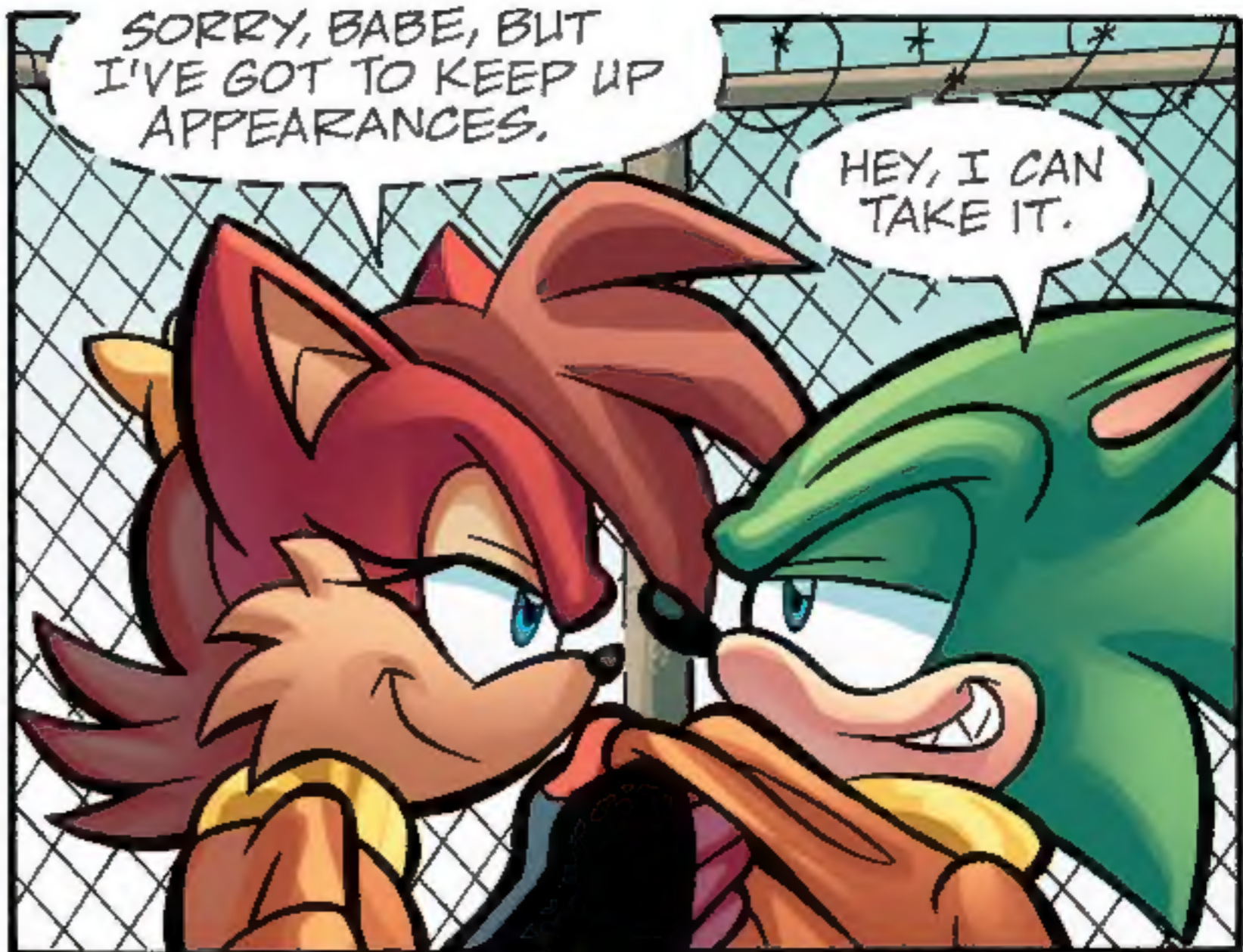
OH, I'LL PUT HIM BACK IN HIS PLACE.



FIONA FOX
SCOURGE'S GIRLFRIEND
(NO, REALLY!)

SORRY, BABE, BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

HEY, I CAN TAKE IT.



OOF!



DON'T GET TOO INTO IT, THO'!

DON'T TIP OUR HAND YET. IF YOU MESS THIS UP, GANG OR NOT, WE'RE NEVER GETTING OUT OF HERE.

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH. I'VE GOT IT.

GOOD. NOW SAY "UNCLE."

OH COME ON, FI...





OW!
UNCLE!
UNCLE,
YOU
CRAZY
LOON!

FIRST YOU DITCH
ME AT FREEDOM HQ*,
AND NOW THIS. ARE
YOU TRYING TO
TICK ME OFF?

I COULDN'T
DO ANYTHING FOR
YOU THEN, BABE. WHAT
MATTERS IS THAT I'M
HERE NOW AND
KEEPING YOU ON
TRACK!

*STH#195-196.



I MEAN, WOULD I
HAVE COME THIS FAR
AND DO ALL THIS IF
I DIDN'T LOVE--



SAVE IT,
FI. I'VE
GOT HALF
A GANG
NOW...



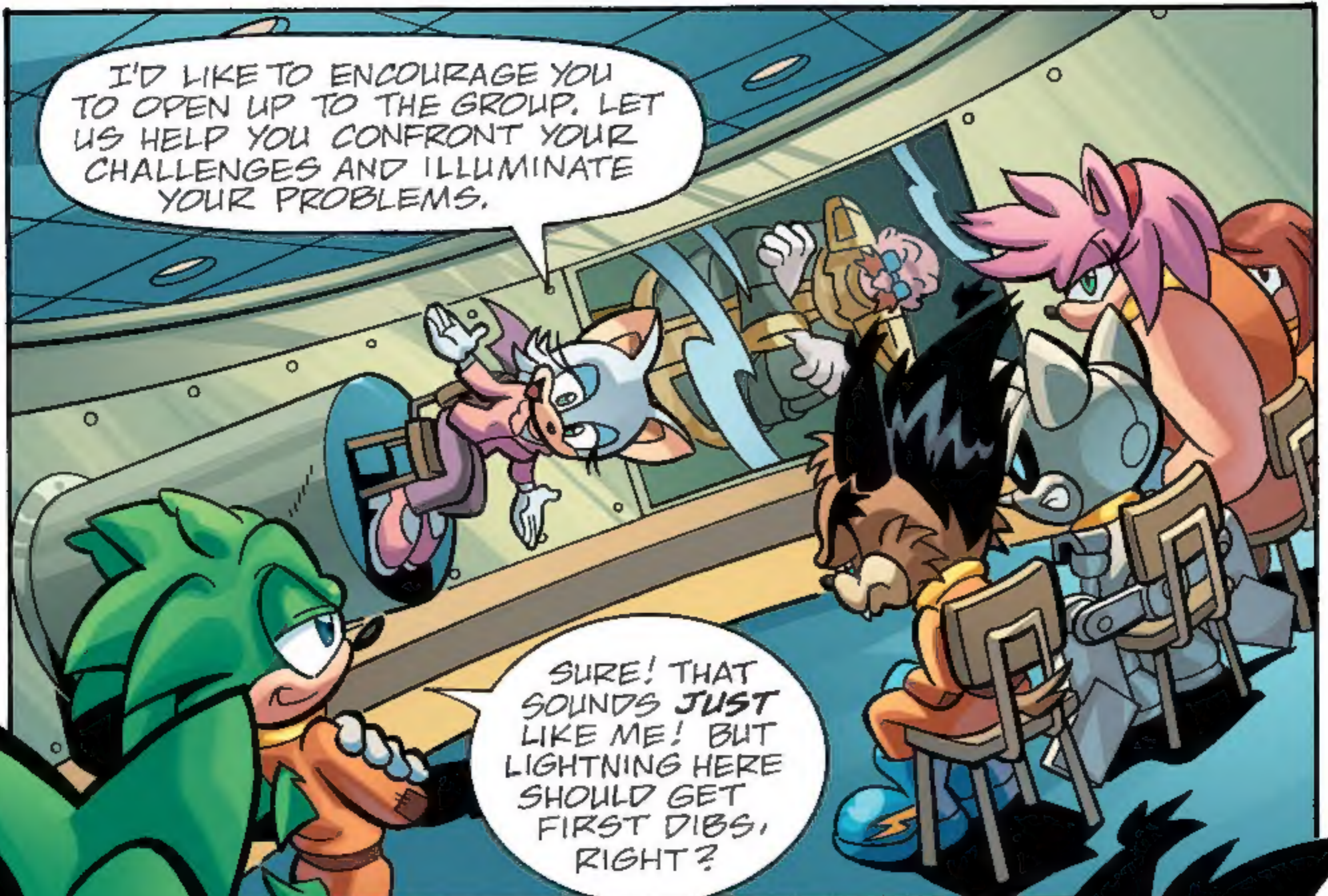
"...AND HALF
STILL TO
RECRUIT."

EVERYONE, I'D
LIKE YOU TO WEL-
COME LIGHTNING
TO TODAY'S
GROUP THERAPY
SESSION.



YO! GOT ROOM
FOR ONE MORE?

OF COURSE!
THE WARDEN WILL
BE PLEASED YOU
FINALLY DECIDED
TO JOIN US.



I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO OPEN UP TO THE GROUP. LET US HELP YOU CONFRONT YOUR CHALLENGES AND ILLUMINATE YOUR PROBLEMS.

SURE! THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE ME! BUT LIGHTNING HERE SHOULD GET FIRST DIBS, RIGHT?



OF COURSE, BUT ONLY IF HE FEELS COMFORTABLE.

DON'T SWEAT IT, FUZZY. WE'RE ALL HERE TO HELP.

I... I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE TO START...

LIGHTNING LYNX
DESTRUCTIX NINJA



TRY TO THINK BACK TO THE FIRST MOMENT YOU FELT THE NEED TO LASH OUT. WAS THERE A TIME WHERE YOU FELT SOMEONE BETRAYED OR WRONGED YOU?



OH YES.

"IN THE RAIJU CLAN,
YOUR SKILL DICTATED
YOUR WORTH AND
RANK. I WAS THE
BEST.

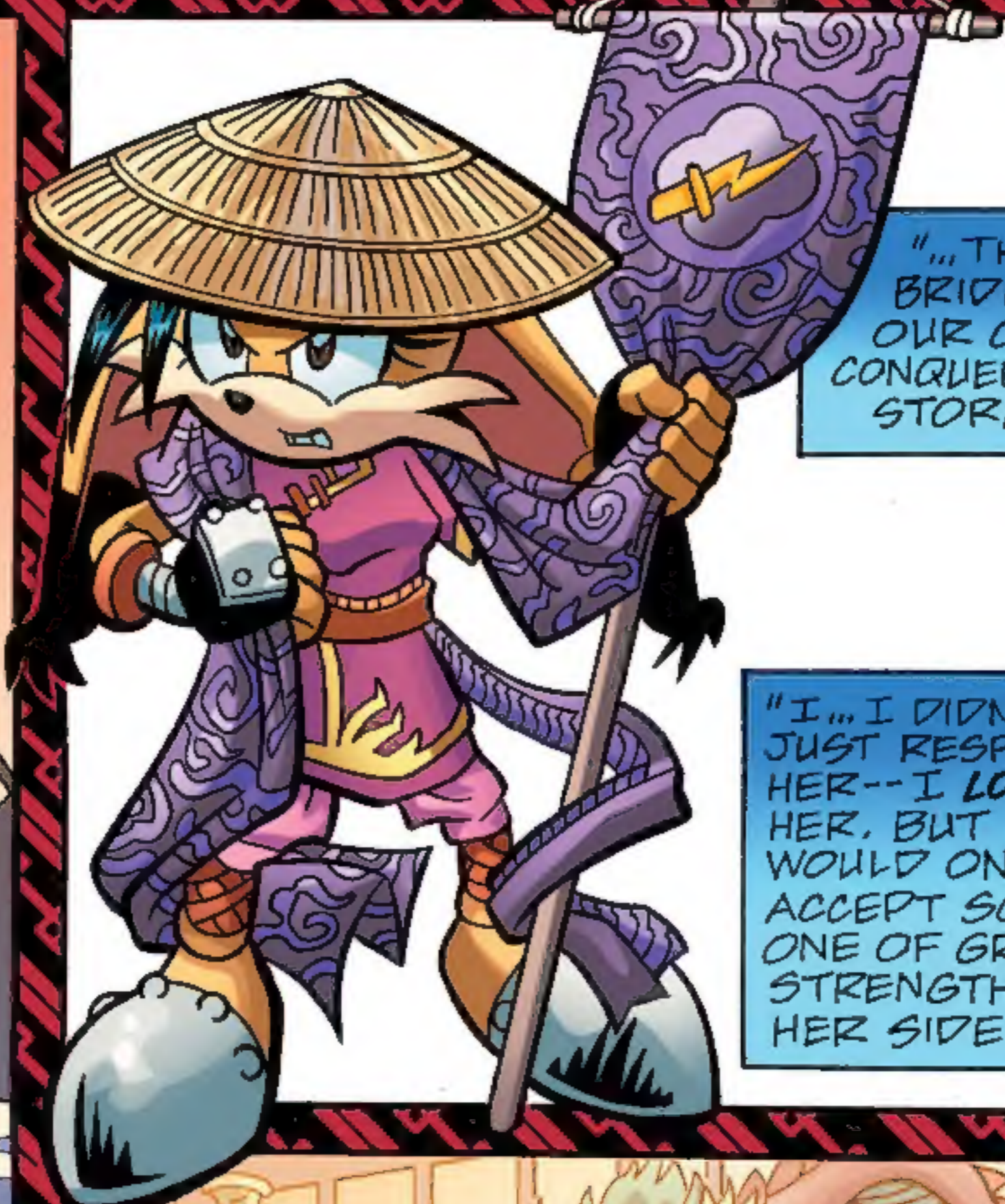


"AND I WASN'T
JUST THE FASTEST.
I WAS THE QUICKEST
FIST, THE KEENEST
EYE, AND THE
SHARPEST FORM.

"THERE WAS
ONLY ONE I
RESPECTED..."



"...THE
BRIDE OF
OUR CLAN,
CONQUERING
STORM.



"I... I DIDN'T
JUST RESPECT
HER-- I LOVED
HER. BUT SHE
WOULD ONLY
ACCEPT SOME-
ONE OF GREAT
STRENGTH AT
HER SIDE..."

"...SO I CHALLENGED HER
TO A DUEL TO PROVE
MY STRENGTH. TO
PROVE MY FEELINGS."

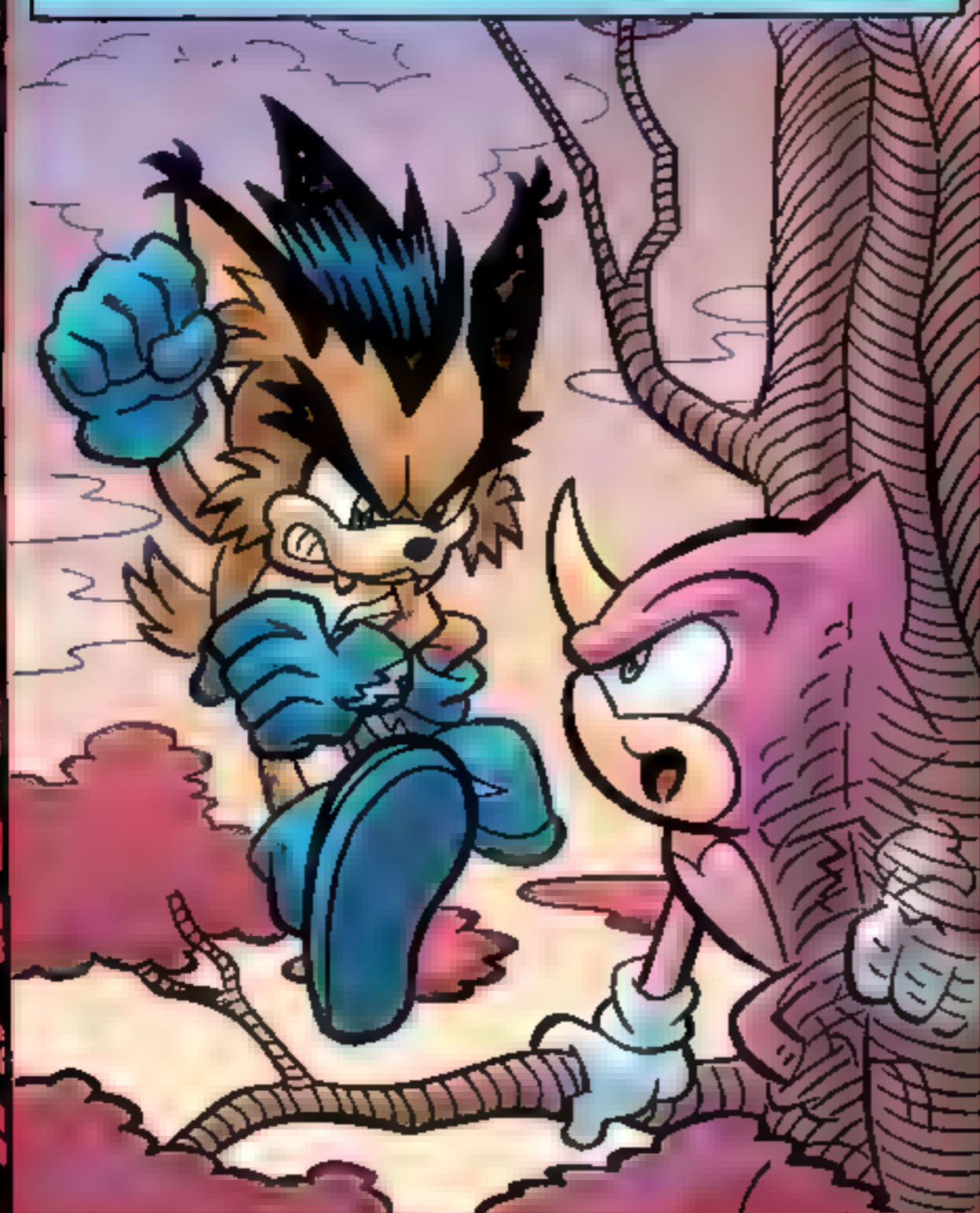




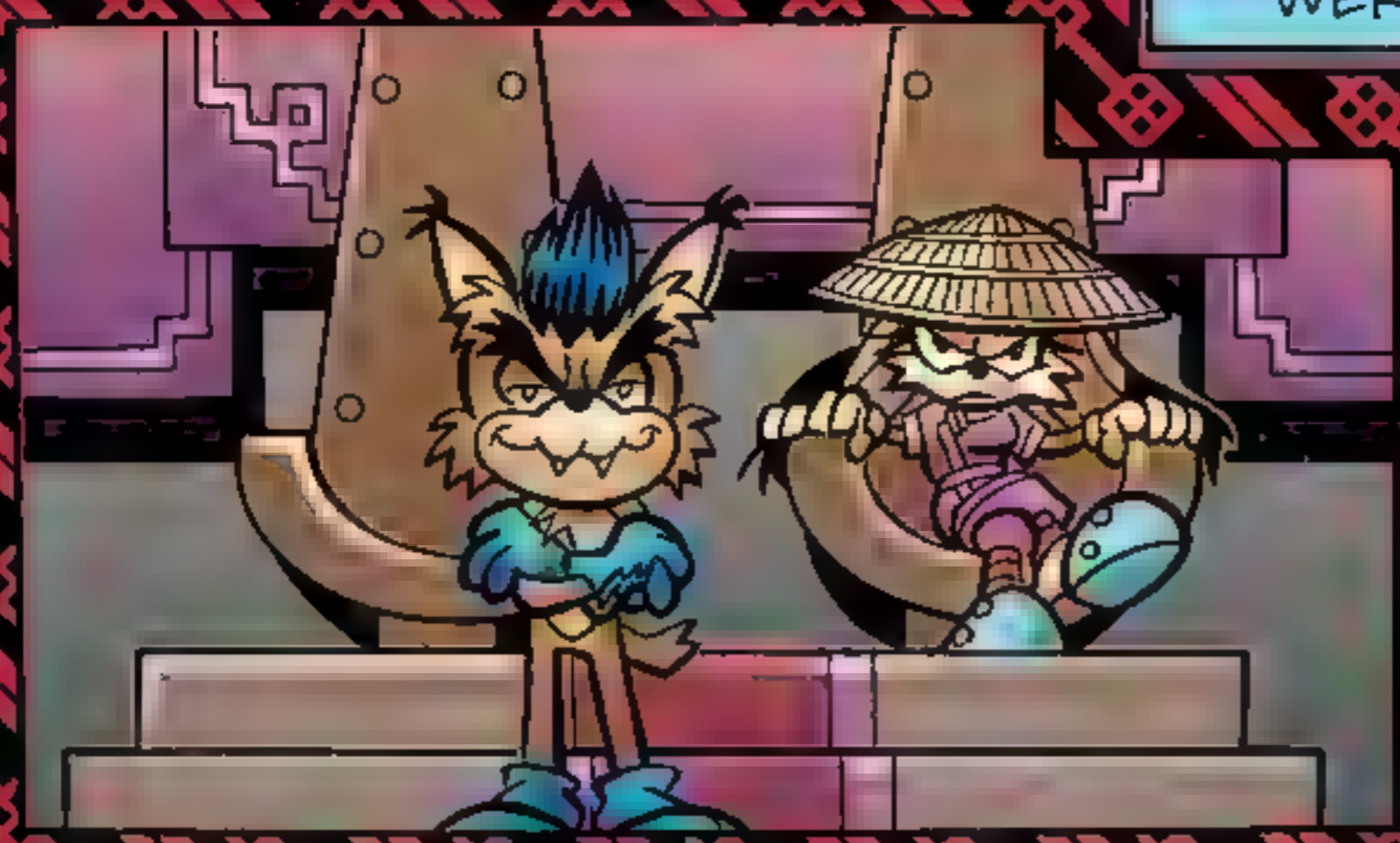
"IT WAS AN UTTER DISASTER. I SUFFERED THE ULTIMATE DISHONOR. I WAS... EXILED FROM MY CLAN."



"LATER, I WAS FOUND BY MAMMOTH MOGUL AND I SERVED HIM... UNTIL HE ABANDONED US. BUT EVENTUALLY, THE IRON QUEEN TOOK COMMAND OF THE FOUR HOUSES..."

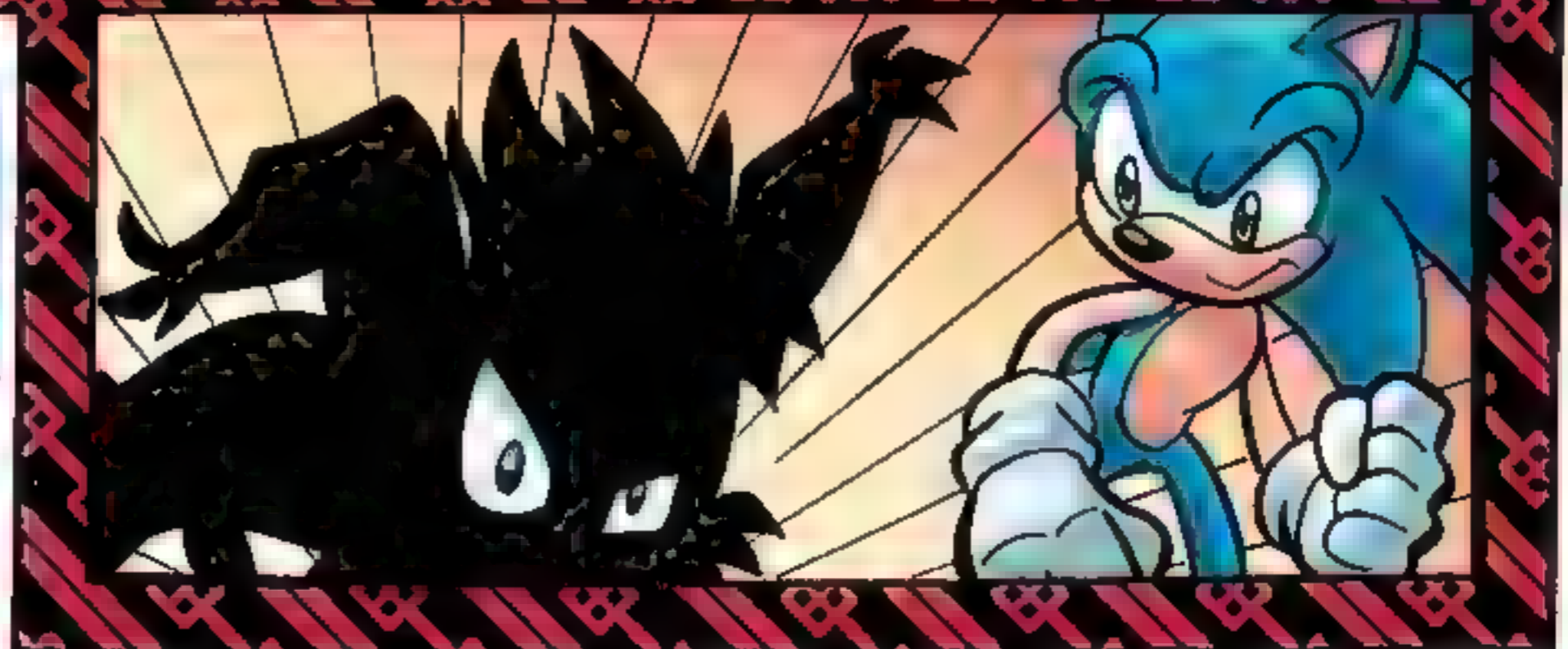


"...AND I WAS INVITED BACK AS A FOREIGN LIAISON. MY HONOR AND CLAN STATUS WERE RESTORED!"

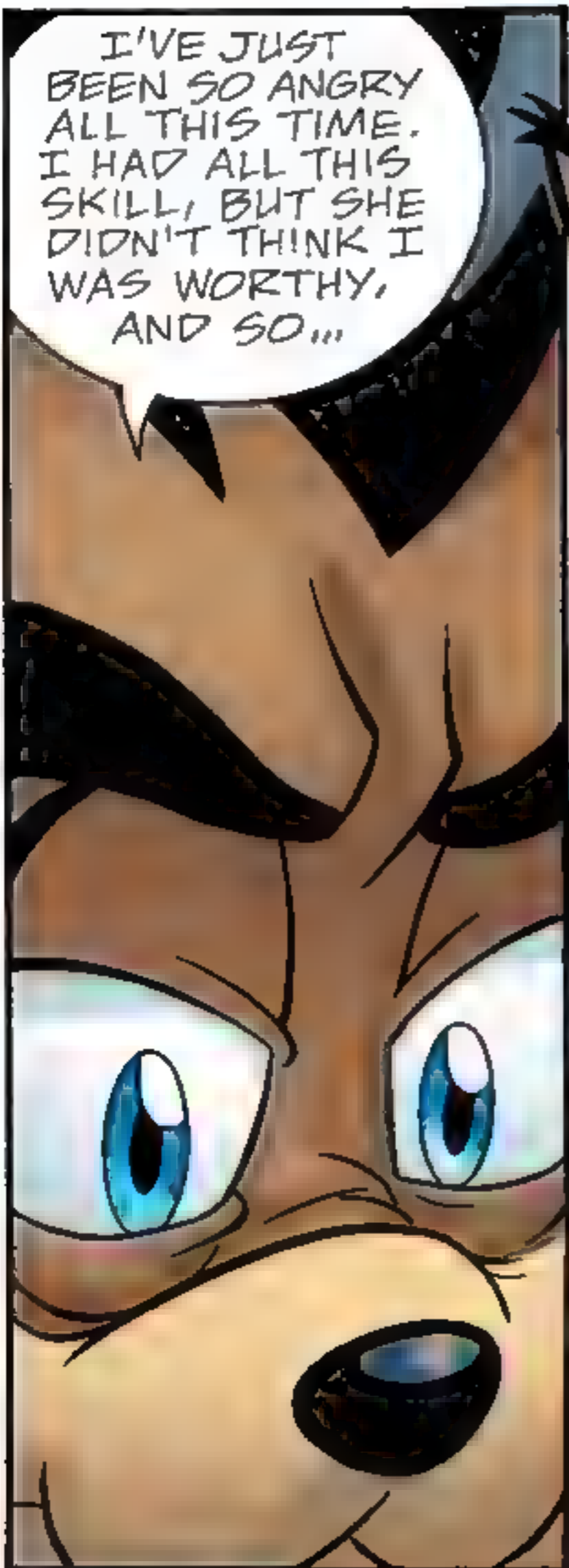


"I SERVED THE BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM DIRECTLY. I WAS CONTENT TO BE AT HER SIDE..."

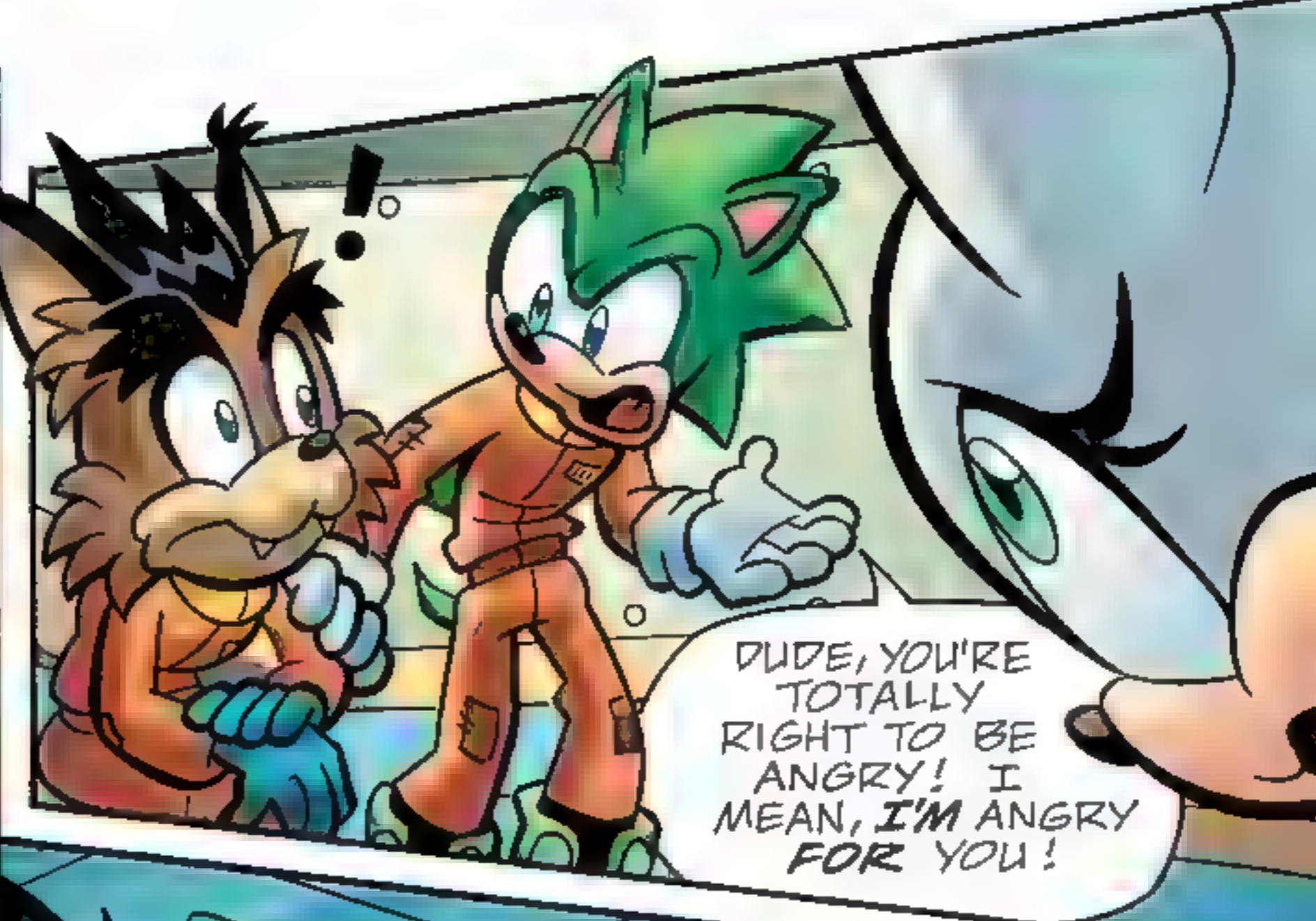
"...UNTIL I WAS DEFEATED AND DISHONORED AGAIN. "*"



*SEE SH ARC #4 "JOURNEY TO THE EAST"



I'VE JUST BEEN SO ANGRY ALL THIS TIME. I HAD ALL THIS SKILL, BUT SHE DIDN'T THINK I WAS WORTHY, AND SO...



DUDE, YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY! I MEAN, I'M ANGRY FOR YOU!



YOU WERE THEIR BEST AND THEY JUST KICKED YOU OUT! AND WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG? NOTHIN'!

ENCOURAGEMENT IS GOOD, SCOURGE, BUT WE NEED TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE...



I MEAN, HOW UNGRATEFUL CAN THAT LADY GET, RIGHT? SHE BREAKS YOUR HEART, KICKS YOU OUT, CALLS YOU BACK, KICKS YOU OUT AGAIN--AND FOR WHAT? BECAUSE YOU WERE TOTALLY DEVOTED TO HER?



EXACTLY MY POINT!

YOU GOT PLAYED!

YEAH!

EVERYONE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON YOU!

YEAH!

YOU DESERVE REVENGE!

YEAH!



YOU ALL DESERVE REVENGE!

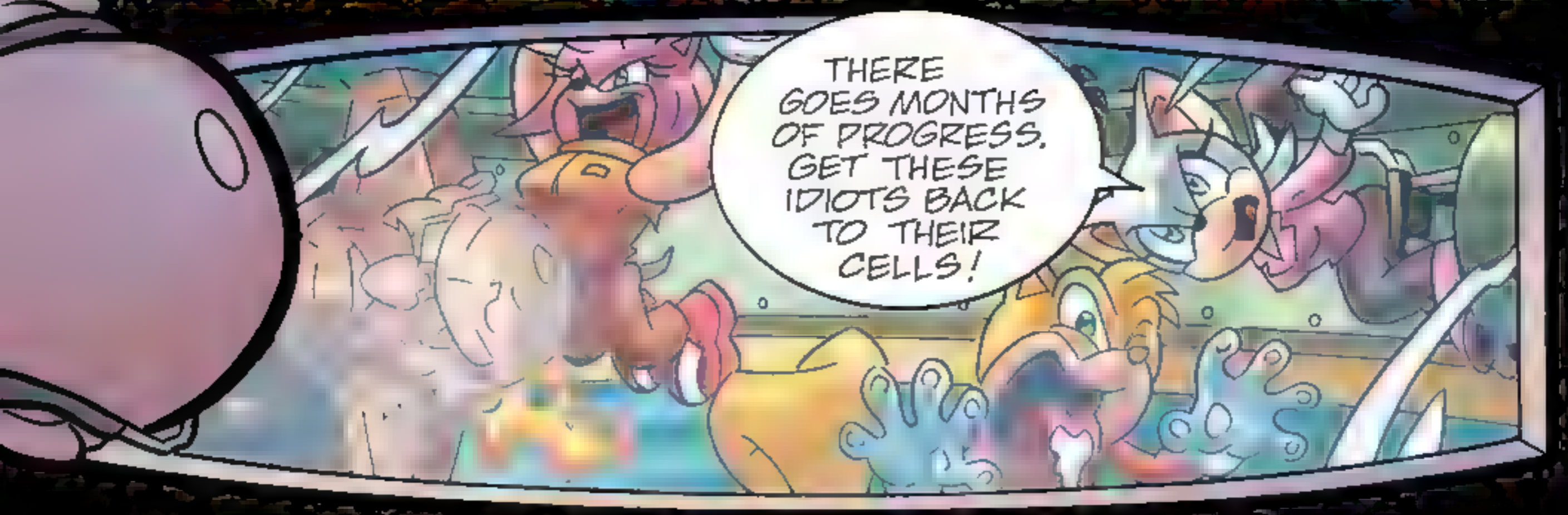
YEAH!

NO! VENGEANCE MEANS NOTHING! EVERYONE NEEDS TO CALM DOWN!

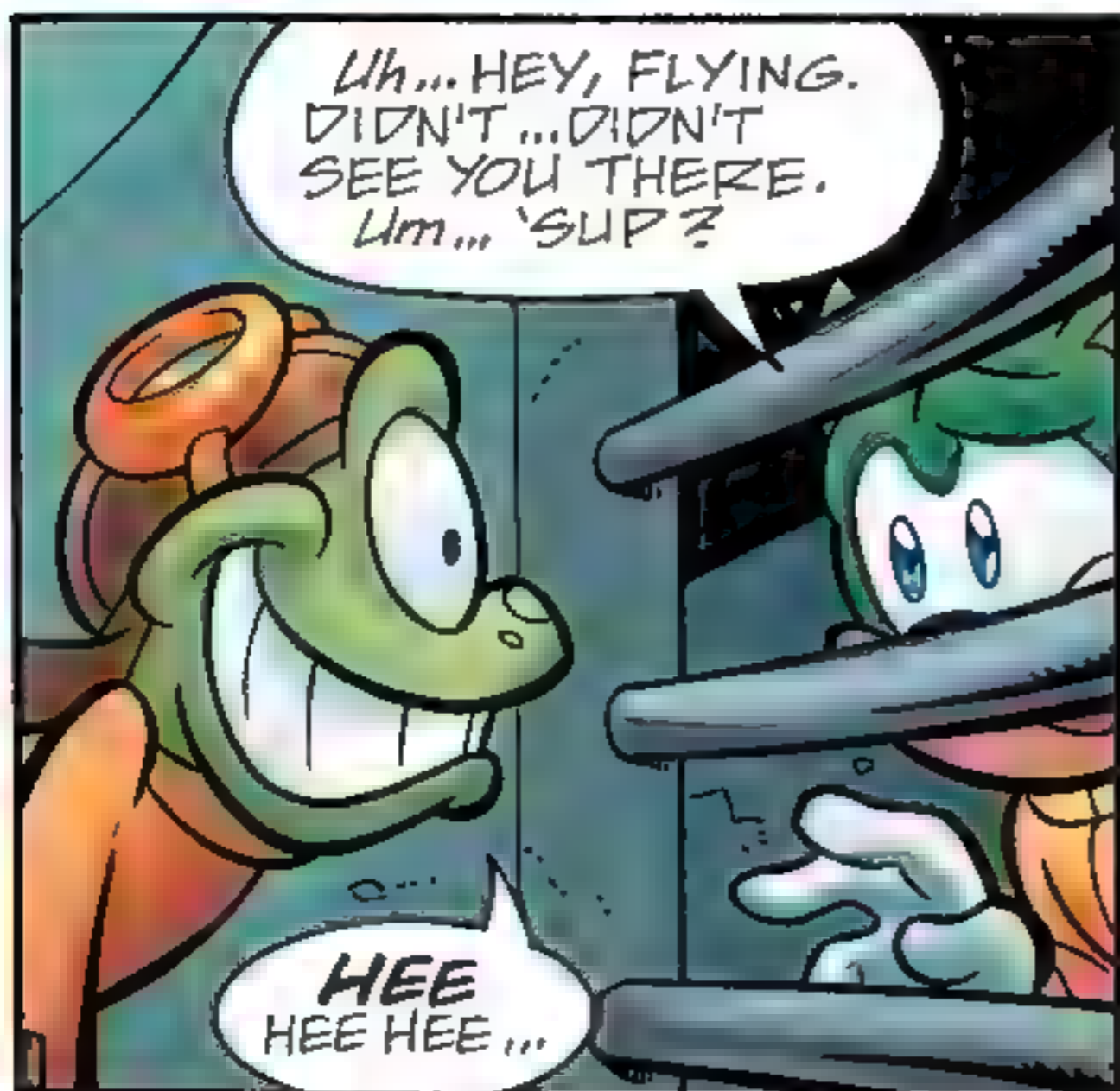
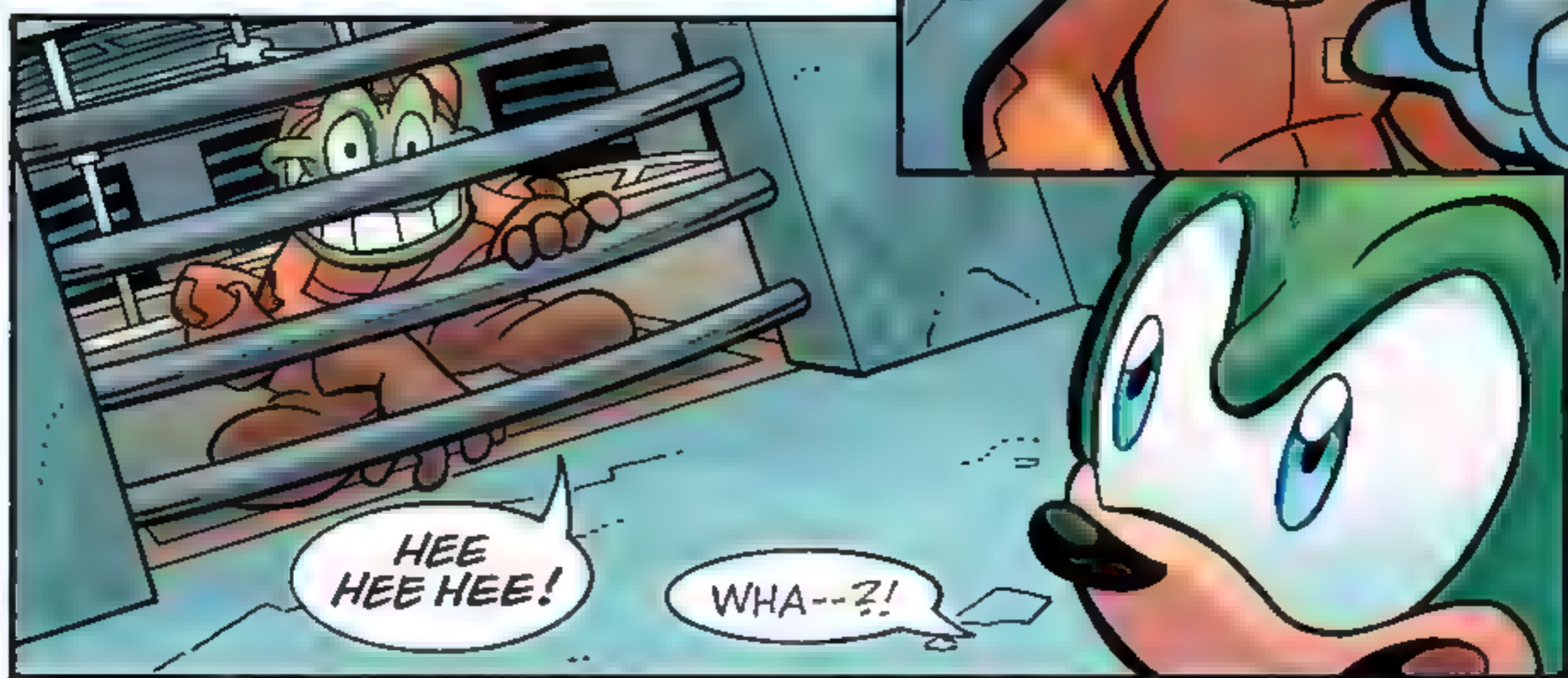


IF I GET YOU OUT, WILL YOU HELP ME?

DUDE, SHE'LL BE ONE MORE NAME ON MY LIST.



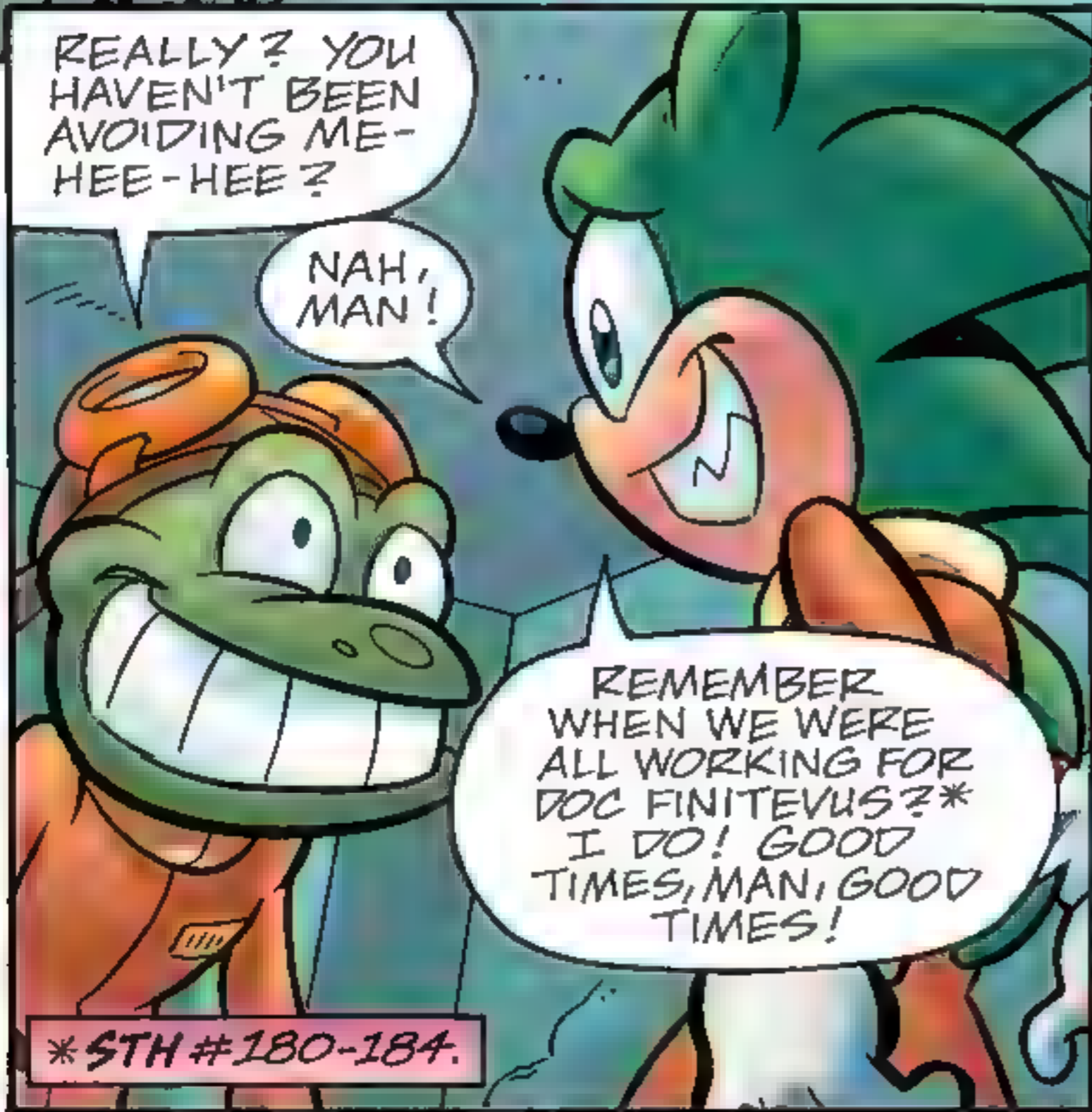
THERE GOES MONTHS OF PROGRESS. GET THESE IDIOTS BACK TO THEIR CELLS!





YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE OTHERS-BROTHERS-SMOTHERS. BUT NOT TO ME-HEE-HEE!

YOU WERE NEXT ON MY LIST!



REALLY? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AVOIDING ME-HEE-HEE?

NAH, MAN!

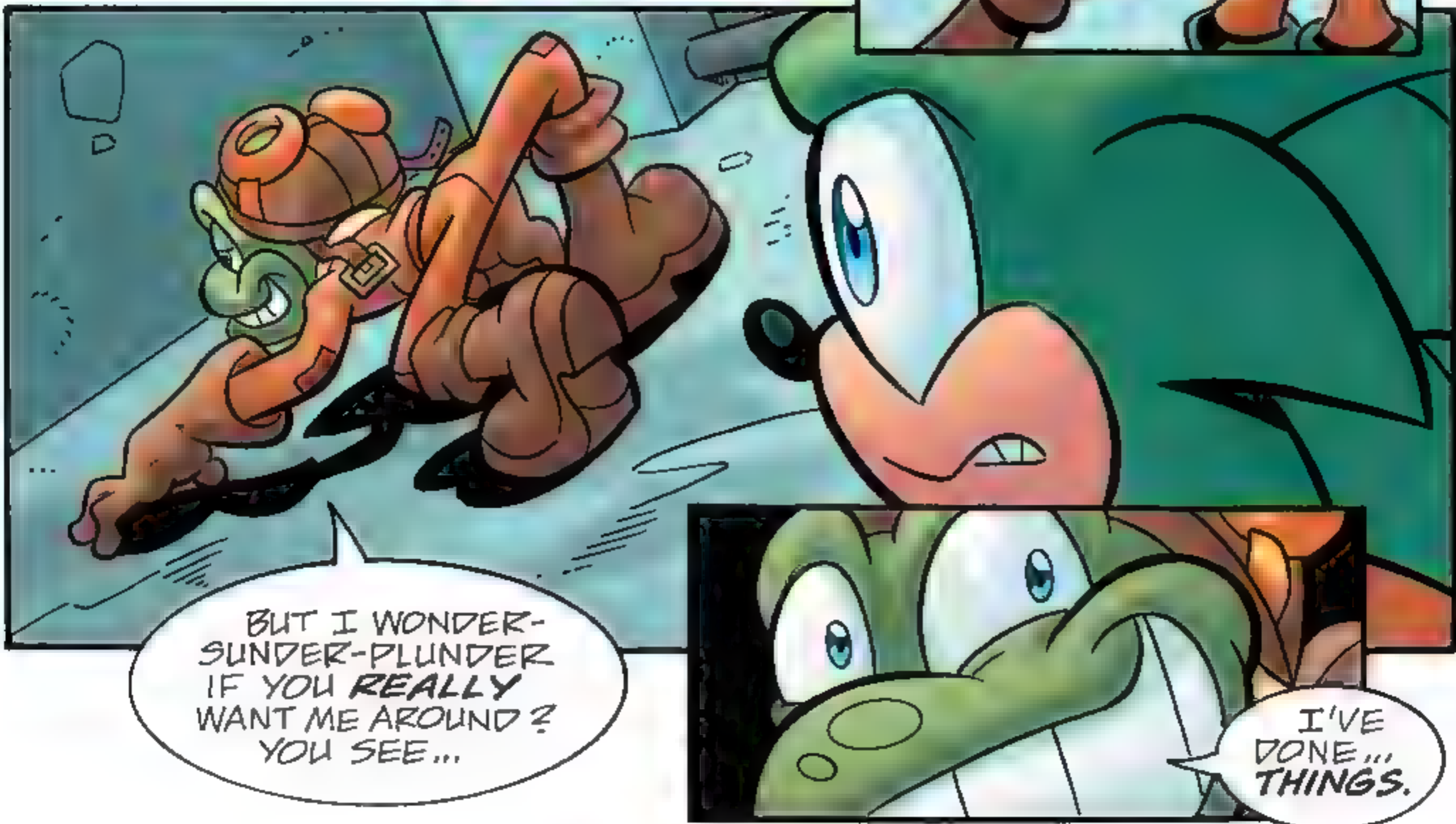
REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE ALL WORKING FOR DOC FINITEVUS? * I DO! GOOD TIMES, MAN, GOOD TIMES!

*STH #180-184.

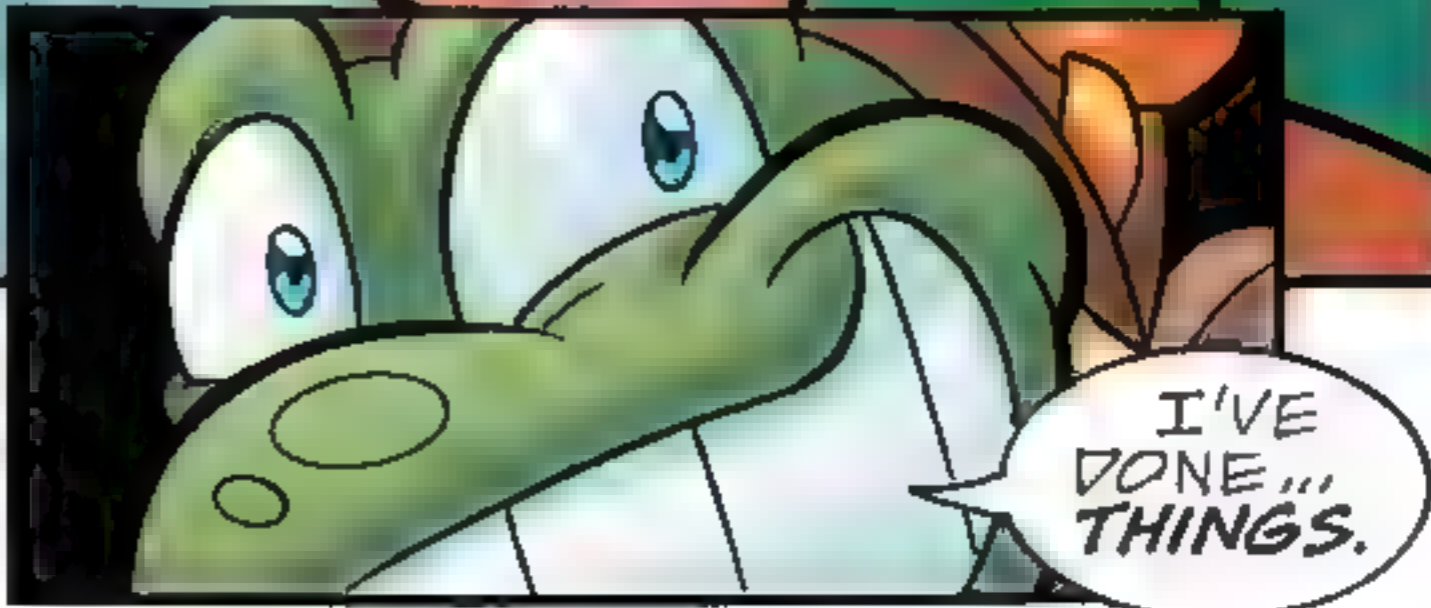


I MEAN, WE GREEN BROS GOTTA STICK TOGETHER, RIGHT?

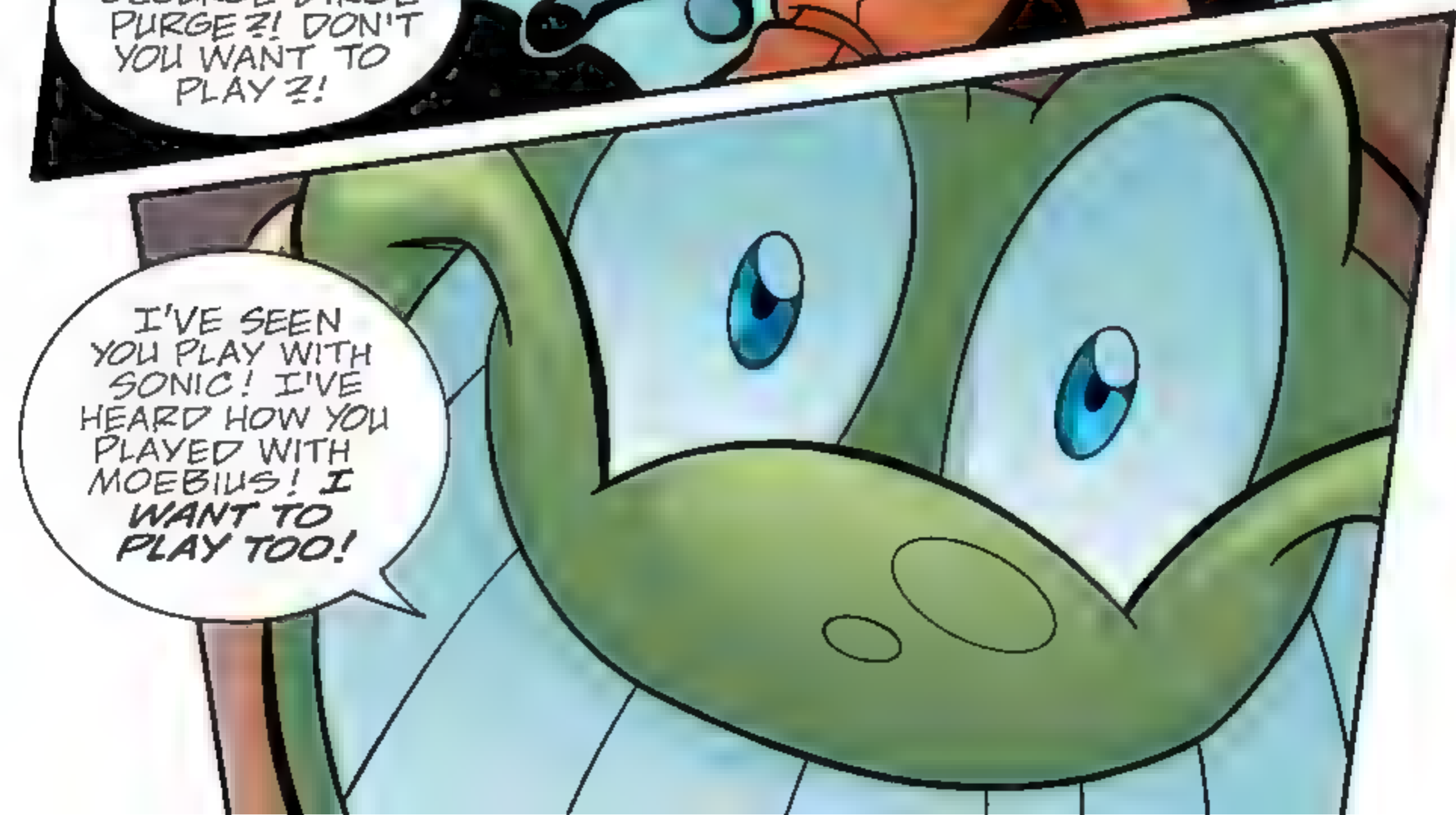
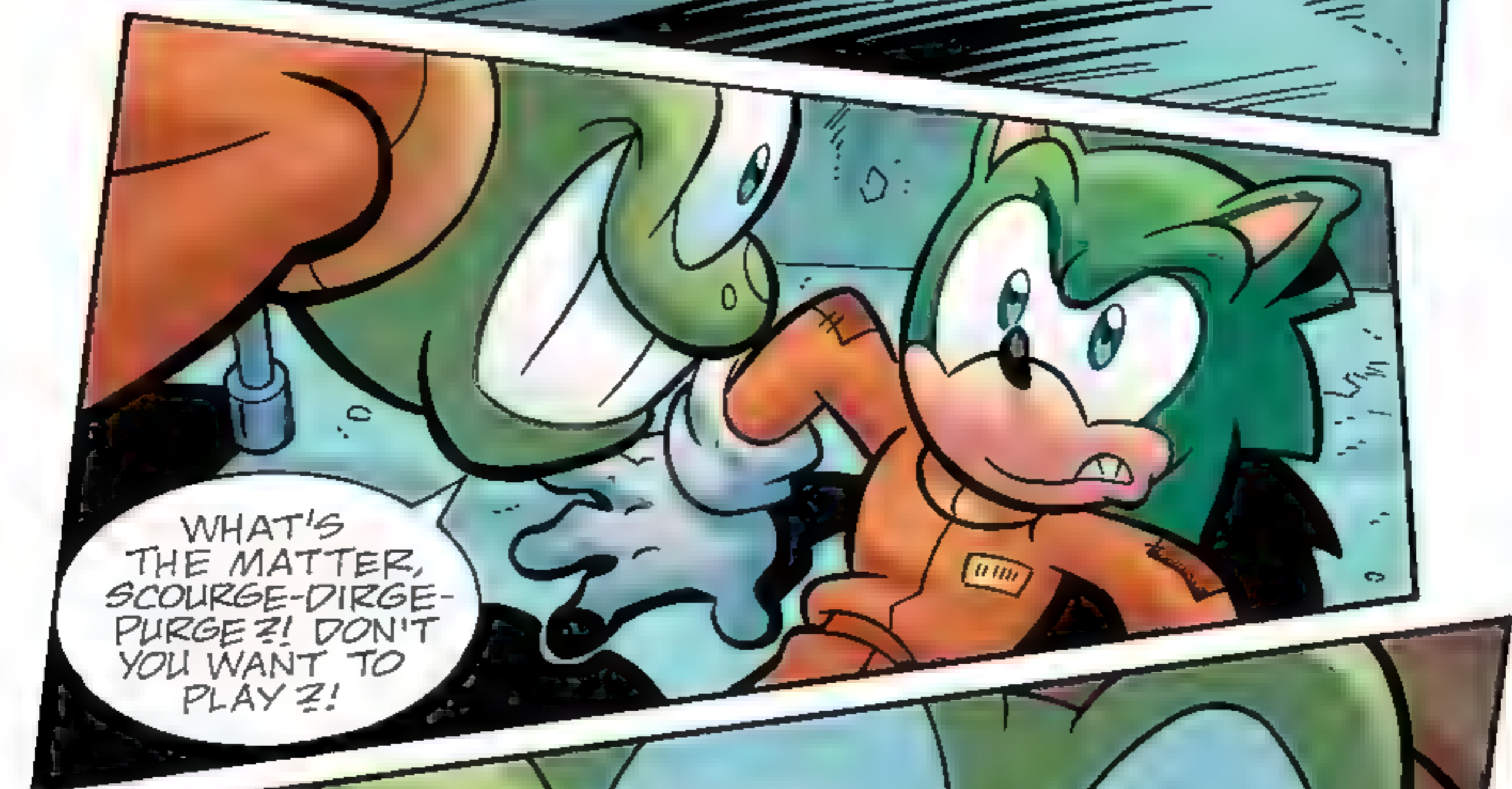
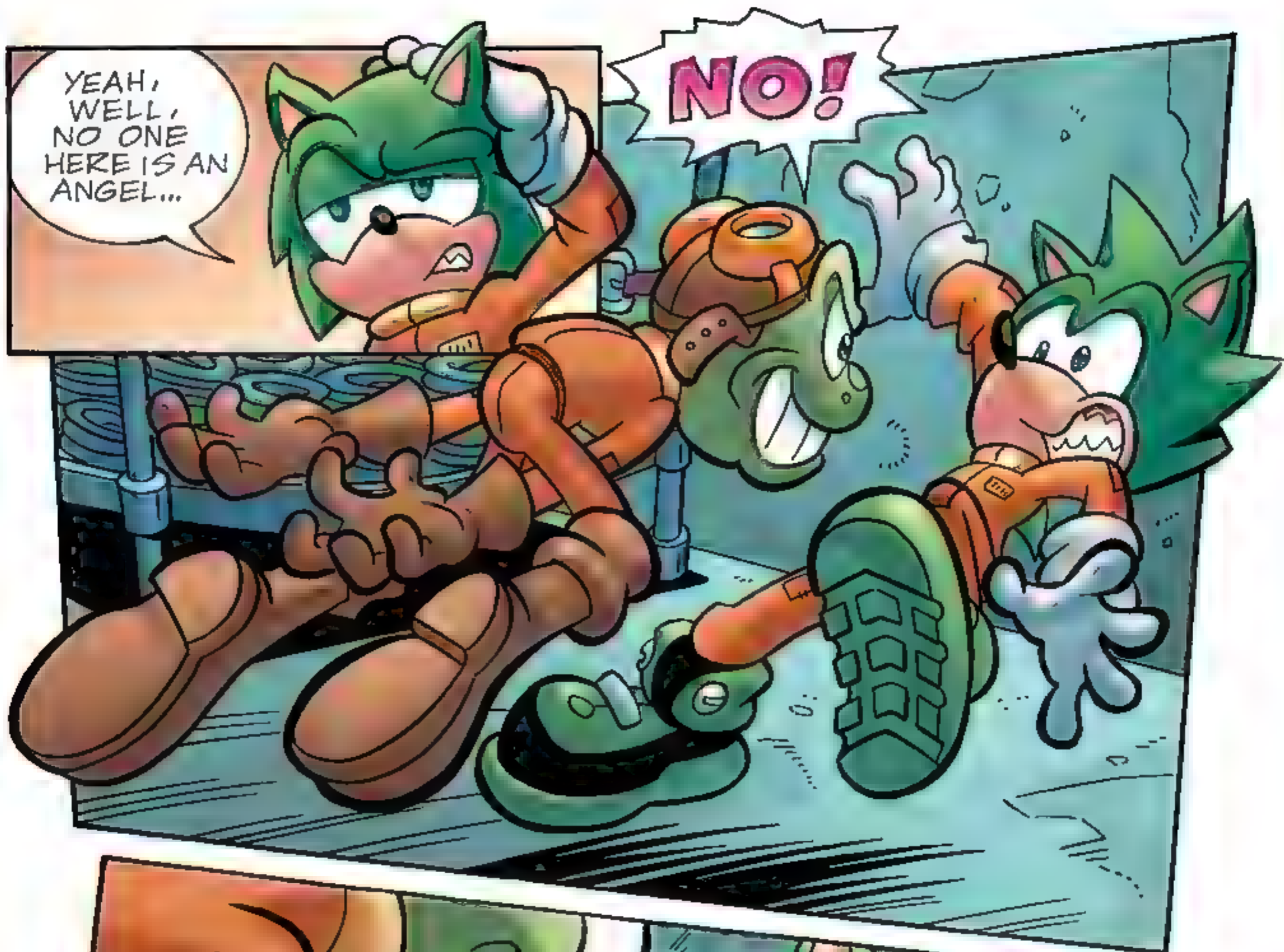
OH, YES! IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN!



BUT I WONDER-SUNDER-PLUNDER IF YOU **REALLY** WANT ME AROUND? YOU SEE...



I'VE DONE... THINGS.



"THE DESTRUCTIX
PLAY THE GAMES
I LIKE TO PLAY!
NOT LIKE THE
RUN-SCREAM-CRY
MERCIANIS!

"A LITTLE PAIN-
STAIN-INGRAIN
NEVER HURT ANY-
ONE! NOT ME!
ANYWAY! SO
MANY SHOUTING-
POUTING-CLOUTING...

"THEY TRIED TO
LOCK ME AWAY-
STAY-PAY, BUT I
GOT OUT! THEN
MORE WOULD
FIND MY MESS-
EXCESS-SUCCESS!

"SO MORE CHASE-
DEFACE-ERASE,
AND I PLAY WITH
THEM NEXT! AND
THEN THE NEXT,
AND THEN THE
NEXT, AND THEN
THE NEXT--!"



**KNOCK
IT OFF!!**

I'M RUNNING
THE DESTRUCTIX
NOW, SO YOU
FOLLOW ME!

OH. OKAY.

SOUNDS
LIKE FUN!

EESH!
THE
GUY
MAKES
ROSY
LOOK
CUDDLY!*

*ROSY THE RASCAL,
STH #193-194.

MAIN CELL BLOCK.

LATER THAT NIGHT...

WOULD YOU SETTLE DOWN? I NEEDS MY BEAUTY SLEEP.

NO CAN DO, ABBY. BESIDES, YOU'LL WANT TO BE UP FOR THIS.

WHAT THE--?! YOU'RE BUSTIN' OUT?!

THAT'S THE PLAN. KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND MAYBE YOU CAN SLIP OUT IN THE MEANTIME.

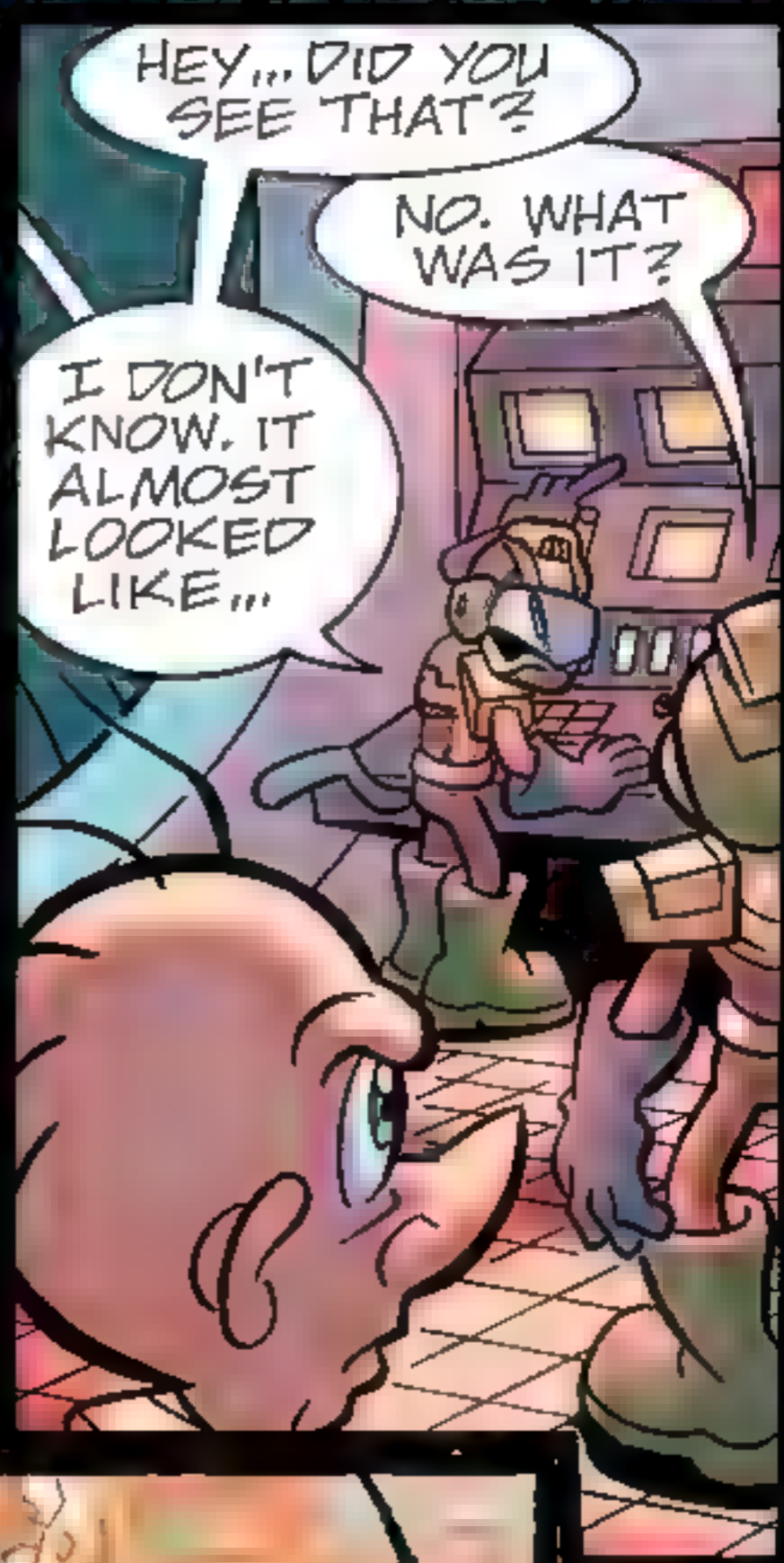
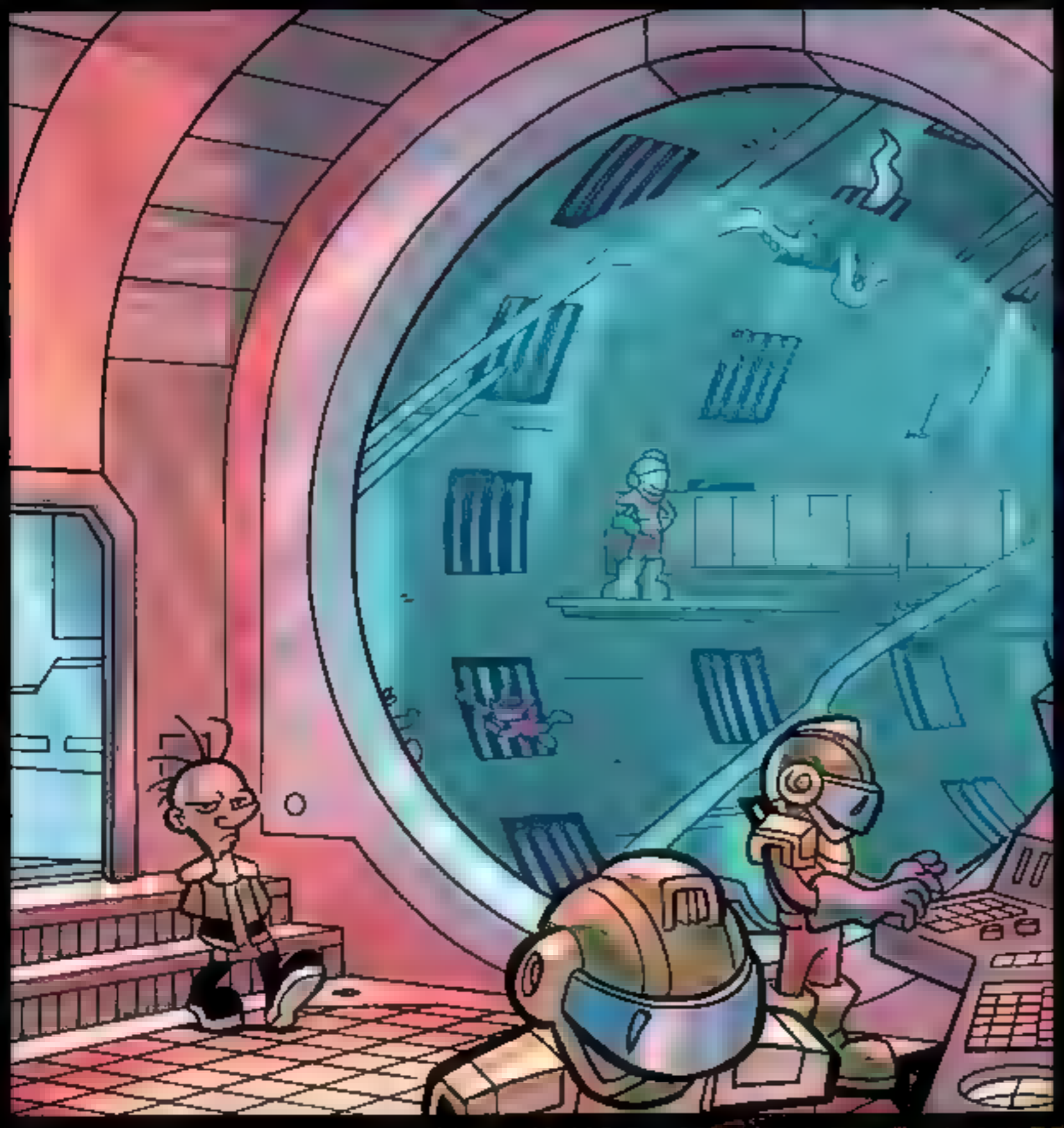
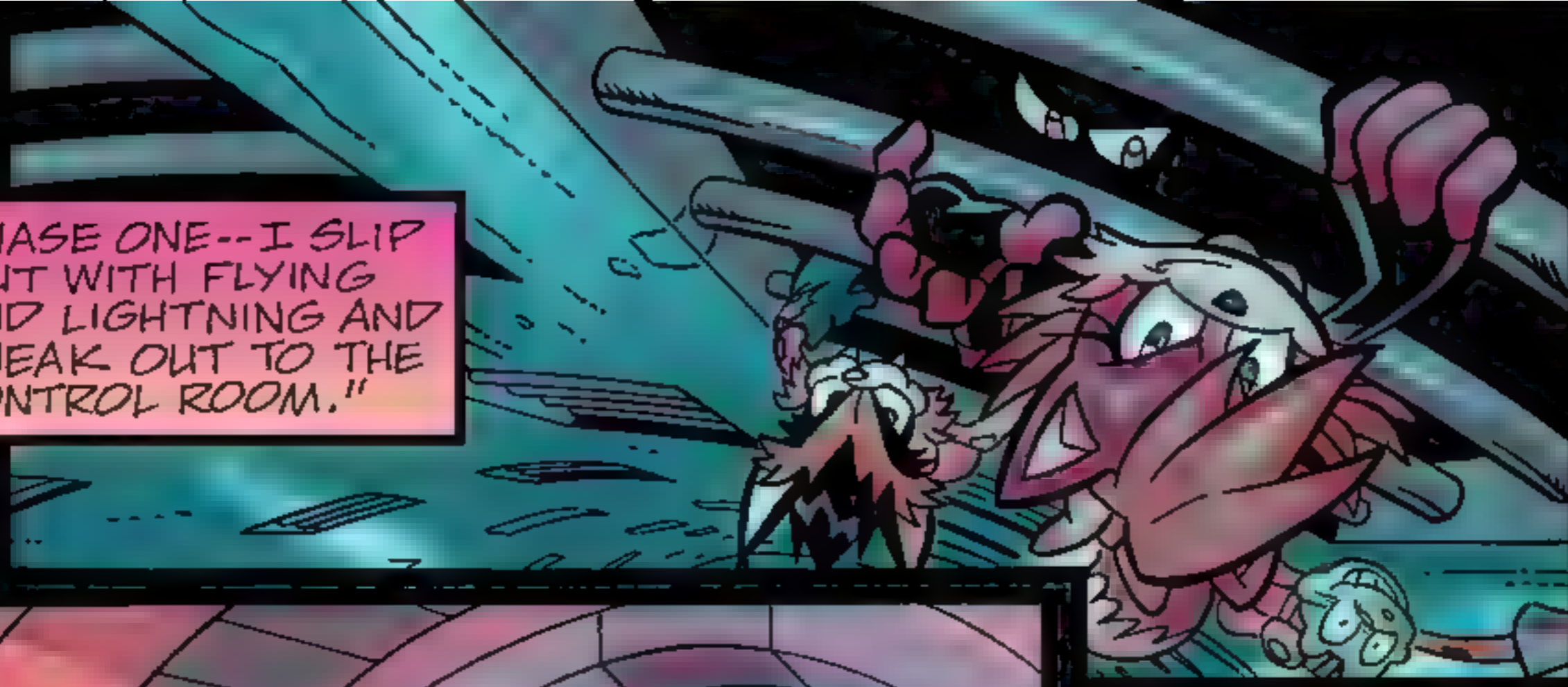
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, KID. BUT HOW DID YOUR BOYS...?

ONE'S A NINJA AND THE OTHER'S A FREAK.

I HID THE GUARDS WE TOOK OUT. BE CAREFUL--THE HALLWAYS DON'T HAVE THE CORRECTED GRAVITY LIKE THE YARD OR CELLS DO.

Jellystars

"PHASE ONE--I SLIP OUT WITH FLYING AND LIGHTNING AND SNEAK OUT TO THE CONTROL ROOM."

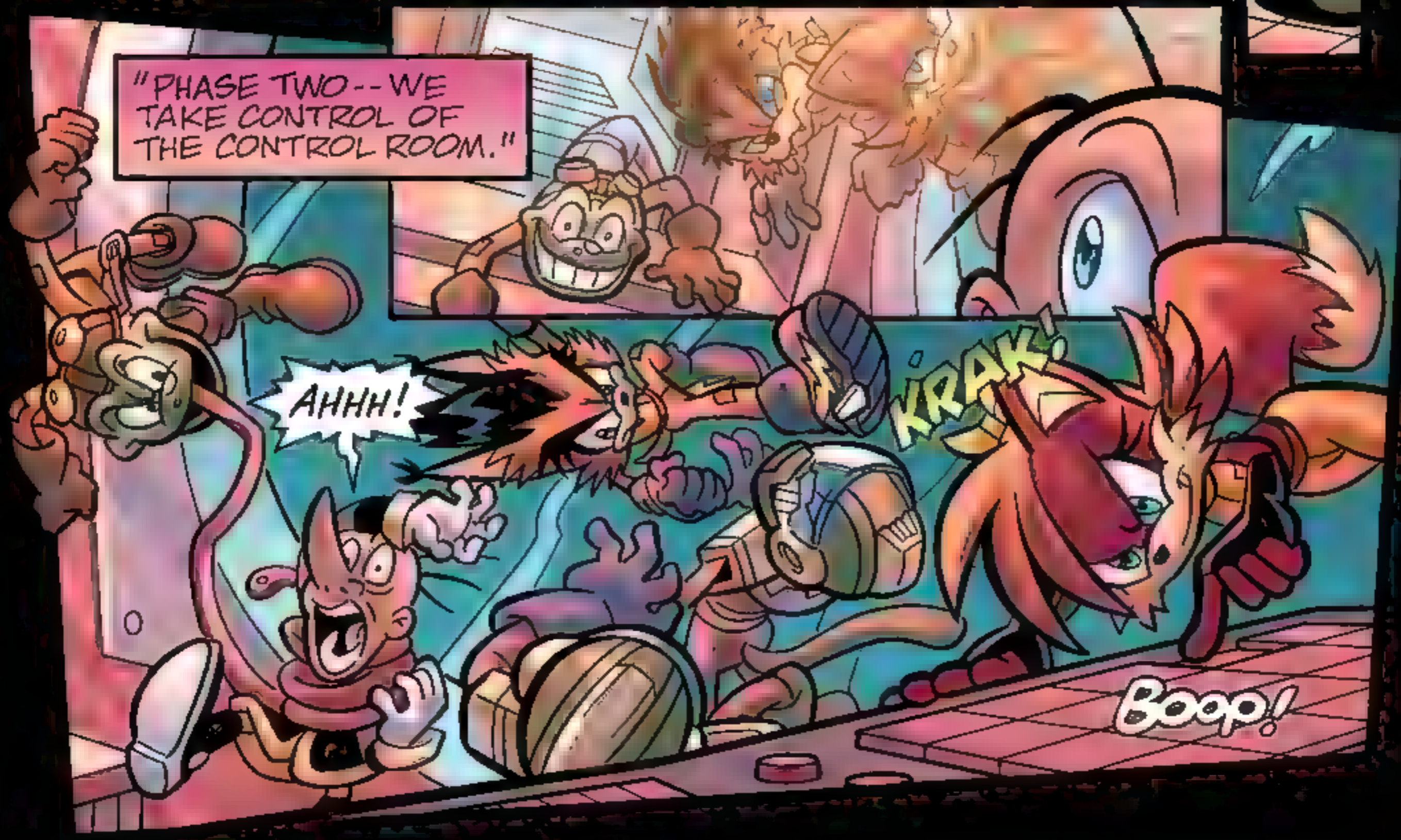


HEY... DID YOU SEE THAT?

NO. WHAT WAS IT?

I DON'T KNOW. IT ALMOST LOOKED LIKE...

"PHASE TWO-- WE TAKE CONTROL OF THE CONTROL ROOM."



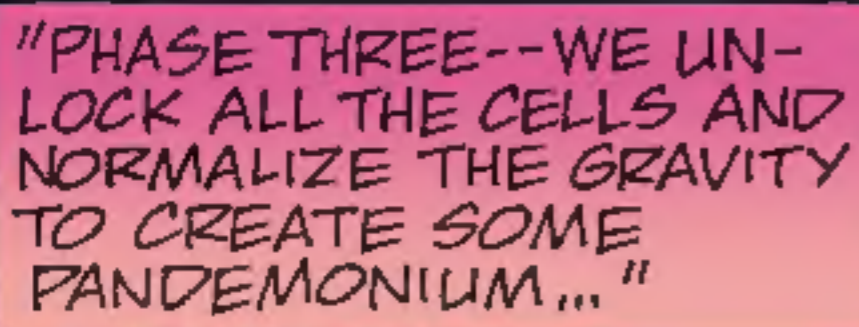
AHHH!

KRAK!

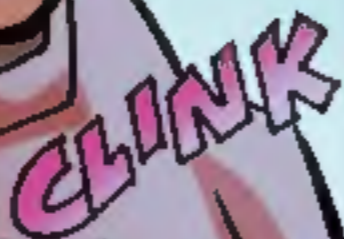
Boop!



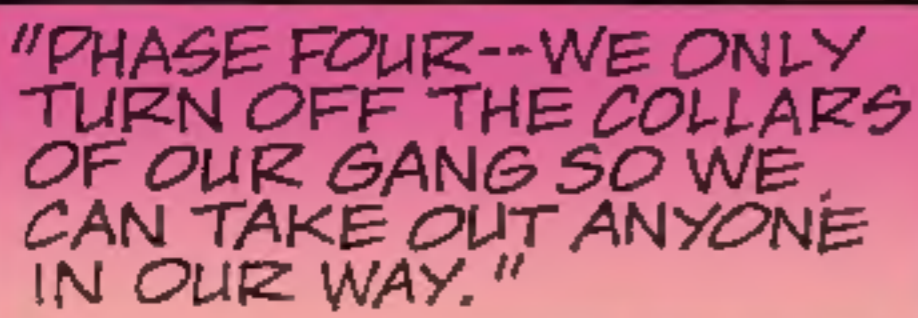
**JAIL
BREAK!!**



"PHASE THREE--WE UNLOCK ALL THE CELLS AND NORMALIZE THE GRAVITY TO CREATE SOME PANDEMONIUM..."



CLINK



"PHASE FOUR--WE ONLY TURN OFF THE COLLARS OF OUR GANG SO WE CAN TAKE OUT ANYONE IN OUR WAY."





HUH...?



AND PHASE FIVE...

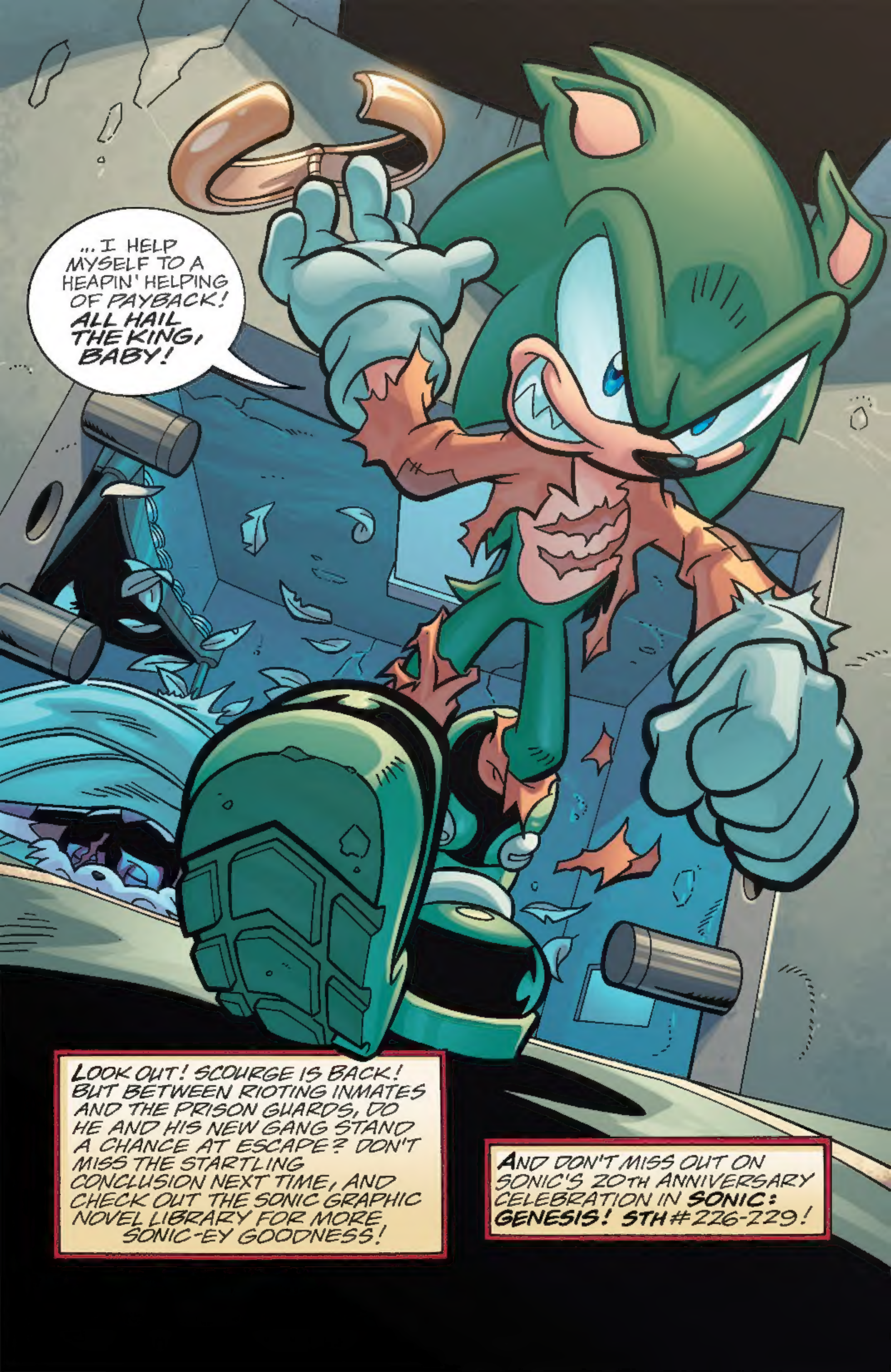


I SAY...

HEY, SNOT!
THE DOOR'S
OPEN! IF YOU
CARRY ME, MAYBE
I'LL HELP YOU GET
OUTTA HERE!
WHADDYA
SAY?



SLAM



... I HELP MYSELF TO A HEAPIN' HELPING OF PAYBACK! ALL HAIL THE KING, BABY!

LOOK OUT! SCOURGE IS BACK! BUT BETWEEN RIOTING INMATES AND THE PRISON GUARDS, DO HE AND HIS NEW GANG STAND A CHANCE AT ESCAPE? DON'T MISS THE STARTLING CONCLUSION NEXT TIME, AND CHECK OUT THE SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY FOR MORE SONIC-EY GOODNESS!

AND DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN **SONIC: GENESIS!** **STH #226-229!**



WAY COOL
SCOURGE
ACTION
FIGURE!

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from California

FAN FUNNIES!



Dooter from New York

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